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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A deposited-film forming apparatus comprising
2 an evaporating section for at least one depositing material selected from the group
3 consisting of aluminum, zinc, tin and magnesium and an alloy containing at least one of these
4 metal components, and
5 a plurality of tubular barrels formed of a mesh net for accommodation of rare earth
6 metal-based permanent magnets, on each of the surfaces of which a depositing material is to
7 be deposited, said evaporating section and said tubular barrels being mounted in a vacuum-
8 treating chamber, wherein said tubular barrels are detachably supported by support shafts
9 provided at each side of each tubular barrel circumferentially outside a horizontal rotational
10 axis of a support member rotatable about said rotational axis, for rotation about said rotational
11 axis, so that the distance between said tubular barrel rotated about said rotational axis of said
12 support member and said evaporating section is varied by rotating said support member,
13 wherein
14 said evaporating section receives electric current and heats the at least one depositing
15 material by resistance heating, with the at least one depositing material being molten at said
16 evaporating section.

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1 Claim 2 (previously presented) A deposited-film forming apparatus according to
2 claim1, wherein said plurality of said tubular barrels is supported in an annular shape
3 circumferentially outside said rotational axis of said support member.

Claims 3-8 (canceled)